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SUBJ: YALE HONORARY DEGREE

REF: (A) STATE 4593; (B) LUSAKA 047; (C) STATE 9790;
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1. THE FOLLOWING IS FROM AMBASSADOR LOW: I AGREE WITH THE MAIN THRUST OF RESPONSE MADE IN MY ABSENCE COVERING ZAMBIAN REACTION IF KAUNDA DOES NOT RECEIVE A YALE HONORARY DEGREE (REFTEL A). AF VIEWS (PARA 7, REFTEL A) STRIKES ME AS SOUND. I WOULD ADD THAT KAUNDA WILL BE DIS-APPOINTED IF HE DOES NOT RECEIVE THE DEGREE, AND, NOT RECOGNIZING THAT UNIVERSITIES IN THE US ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF THE GOVERNMENT, WILL PROBABLY CONCLUDE THAT THE DECISION REFLECTS USG VIEWS. HE AND THOSE CLOSE TO HIM MAY READ INTO WHAT THEY SEE AS THE USG'S FAILURE TO ENSURE THAT HE GETS THE DEGREE AS A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR PIQUE OVER HIS OPPOSITION TO A KEY ELEMENT IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS -- ELECTIONS BEFORE RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER, HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WILL BE OVERCOME BY THE PRESTIGE ATTACHED TO THE STATE VISIT. HE WOULD CERTAINLY BE PLEASED IF ANOTHER WELL KNOWN UNIVERSITY WERE TO OFFER HIM A DEGREE. IN ANY EVENT, WE RECOMMEND THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM TO RECEIVE THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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NONVIOLENT PEACE PRIZE FOR 1978 DURING HIS VISIT (SEE REFTEL D), WHICH IN ITSELF WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS LESSENING HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT RECEIVING A YALE DEGREE. CLINGERMAN

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